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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Throughout the country prices were unchanged to mostly lower on mediums, and generally unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was about steady on the large and extra large sizes, however, mediums were no better than steady to instances weak. Demand was mixed in a full range, although usually moderate to instances good, with promotional activity generating best pull. Supplies of the larger sizes ranged adequate to available, and mediums were usually adequate to at times ample. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was about fair. Light type hens were about adequate for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 2.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums when based on past week averages. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was moderate to instances good, with best interest noted into features. Supplies of the larger sizes and smalls were adequate to available and mediums were ample. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, mostly light, and was best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and ample for mediums.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for medium and unchanged for the balance. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady for the larger sizes and barely steady to instances weak for mediums. Retail and food service demand was fair to fairly good with retail specials providing some extra interest. Supplies were adequate to available for the large sizes and adequate to at times ample for medium. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light but sufficient for current needs. Breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and distributive demand moderate to good, best where specials are a factor. Offerings generally adequate, some suppliers building inventories in anticipation of the upcoming holiday.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was mostly moderate to instances good entering the week, with best movement centering around retail features. Supplies were adequate to available, and mediums were often in the longest position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 12, 1999, was 68.34 cents, .42 cents more than the week before, but 13.59 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was no better than moderate. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices in California unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California down 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand good, best where major features planned. Offerings in good balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	72-74
New York	72-74	69-72	54-57
Philadelphia	70-72	68-70	51-55
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	47-48
Jackson (1)	71-72	68-69	56-57
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	73-87	71-85	54-70
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	45-50
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-64	58-62	42-49
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	45-52
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-82	78-79	60-62
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	98	91	76
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good, best where features planned. Offerings generally adequate. Small invoice price 56. No new ads noted in Northern California.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

		RANGE	
JUMBO		111	
EXTRA LARGE		98	
LARGE		91	
MEDIUM		76	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	219-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-235
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 19, 1999 will increase by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 12, 1999 were 265,868 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	233,790	32,078	265,868
% change from the prior week.....	+1	-9	-0

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were light but sufficient for current needs. Most breakers were easily satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were in close balance to occasionally fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	40-42	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-25	23-25

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderately good for at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-16	8-11	9.96
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal with current schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-NOV-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	10-13	12.16

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Nov 15, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.1	9.0	6.2	10.7	7.7	41.7
	Change	0.3	-2.9	-0.6	-1.8	0.3	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.8	26.0	11.2	32.5	20.4	121.9
	Change	-0.4	1.5	-0.6	3.7	1.8	5%
Large	Curr Wk	57.4	81.0	73.9	94.9	101.4	408.6
	Change	-0.8	6.7	11.4	12.6	9.2	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	37.1	19.4	27.6	18.7	118.8
	Change	2.0	1.9	5.8	5.6	-3.2	11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	7.4	1.7	7.9	5.2	27.1
	Change	1.4	-2.7	-1.7	2.2	1.2	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	18.6	9.8	12.1	6.8	52.0
	Change	-0.2	0.7	-0.7	0.5	-0.2	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.9	47.5	24.9	24.9	41.6	177.8
	Change	0.6	-11.6	9.4	4.1	-9.0	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	161.8	226.6	147.1	210.6	201.8	947.9
Percent	Change	2%	-3%	19%	15%	0%	5%
TOTAL			Number of Cases	Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	947.9	5%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	443.5	-1%	40

Total Shell Egg 1391.4 3% 206
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the ADJUSTED 5-area total for the previous week is 901.4 . The adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 01, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 01, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/12/99

CURRENT LOADS							22.75	FUTURE LOADS							12.00	TOTAL LOADS							34.75
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	46.00	—	—	48.00	48.00	—	12.00	GNR W 1	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	7.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	59.00	63.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	61.17	3.00								
GL W XL	—	—	—	53.00	51.00	—	4.00	GL W LG	52.25	—	—	—	—	60.00	6.00								
GL W LG	—	52.50	48.50	—	50.50	—	7.00	GL W MD	28.50	—	—	—	31.00	35.00	2.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
GL W SM	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	.50																
GL BR SM	—	17.00	—	—	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	24.00	24.50	26.00	1.50																
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.00	16.00	—	—	.25																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/06/99 - 11/12/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
141.50								40.75								182.25							
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	49.71	50.82	46.50	48.00	49.07	49.00	64.00		GNR W XL	55.50	59.00	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GNR W 2	—	—	39.50	41.50	44.00	44.75	6.00		GNR W 1	—	54.62	—	54.50	—	—	42.00							
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.50	38.00	6.00		GNR W 2	—	47.33	—	—	—	—	3.00							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	33.00	36.00	1.25		GNR W 3	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	2.00							
GNR BR 1	—	—	60.00	65.67	—	—	13.00		GL W XL	56.67	59.00	—	—	—	61.00	7.75							
GL W XL	53.00	—	—	55.67	51.44	—	12.75		GL W LG	52.53	56.45	—	—	59.25	60.05	16.75							
GL W LG	—	52.33	49.00	52.00	50.78	—	15.00		GL W MD	31.25	—	—	—	31.50	36.17	6.00							
GL W MD	—	34.00	31.25	34.67	33.30	—	8.00		GL W SM	—	—	—	25.00	—	30.00	3.00							
GL W SM	23.25	23.67	20.00	22.50	20.50	23.00	7.50		NRBS - 45	30.80	32.60	—	—	—	—	1.25							
GL BR SM	—	17.00	—	—	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 50	—	40.00	42.00	43.00	—	—	3.25																
NRBS - 48	—	40.00	39.20	40.20	41.00	41.50	9.25																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	38.58	9.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.80	23.80	20.75	26.33	7.25																
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.00	16.00	—	—	.50																

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 10/31/99 - 11/06/99

Origin State	CO	IL	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	700	-	790	-	-	-	-	-	1,753	-	4,083	-	7,326
C. CA	-	-	1,510	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	528	2,038
S. CA	3,586	960	10,967	385	2,360	4,185	810	2,770	-	1,604	3,895	-	31,522
TTL STATE	4,286	960	13,267	385	2,360	4,185	810	2,770	1,753	1,604	7,978	528	40,886

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	87-90	76-79	53-56	17-20

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	39-44	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
41-43	27-29	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
75.03	63.65	41.34

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/08/99	11/01/99	11/09/98
PACIFIC COAST	105	63	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR November 09, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 10/31/99-11/6/99
30-dozen cases 2,979

Receipts from the mainland: 10/24/99-10/30/99
30-dozen cases 4,615

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